

**First Coins Made in America.**  
The first coined currency made in this country was manufactured in 1652. The machinery was sent from England to Massachusetts, and pieces of the value of one shilling, six pence and three pence were made.

**Long Fasting.**  
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Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate.  
A Nasty Ball of Fire Comes Aboard.

Captain Dickson of the British bark Eudora reports an unusual electrical display during a storm in the South Pacific. The Eudora left Junin, Chile, on February 29, and while beating down the coast toward Cape Horn the storm was seen approaching the vessel's stern, snapping and sizzling like a wall of fire, but traveling only at a moderate speed, the wind being light at that time.

When the storm struck the vessel it blew with the force of a hurricane, and for a time it looked as if the masts would be blown out. There was a great electrical display all over the rigging, and a great ball of fire floated near the mizzenmast and exploded with a report like that of a Krupp gun. The crew were dazed and nearly blinded, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The vessel labored heavily in the sea, and the wire rigging was ablaze with electricity. The storm soon cleared away, and the sea at once became as calm as before.—Philadelphia Record.

**Merchants' Marks.**  
These marks appear to have been imitated from the Flemings during the reign of Edward III, and became very common during the fifteenth and early part of the sixteenth century, both on seals and signet rings; they offered a somewhat curious field for research, and are often very useful in identifying the persons by whom domestic and parts of ecclesiastical edifices on which they occur were built. They were more generally used in the great seaports of England than in the South, a fact which is readily accounted for by the frequent intercourse between those parts and Flanders. It may be observed also that such marks belong chiefly to wool factors or merchants of the staple.—Archaeological Magazine.

**AN OPEN LETTER.**

WHAT MRS. I. E. BRESSIE SAYS TO AMERICAN WOMEN.

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"I feel as if I was doing an injustice to my suffering sisters if I did not tell what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me, and its worth to the world.

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**WOMAN'S WORLD**

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S WIFE.

I have seen "Tanta Sanna," the sobriquet of President Kruger's wife, on several occasions, and have noticed her one style. She always dresses in black, and the cut of her gown would certainly not be an advertisement to a West End dressmaker; comfort, not elegance, is her maxim. Plain though Mrs. Kruger is in the matter of dress, she has her little vanity. She positively refuses to see a visitor who may happen to call before she has "tidied up." The tidying up takes place in the afternoon, and consists of putting on her best black gown, with trimmings.

Mrs. Kruger is famous for her coffee, with which visitors are always regaled when they go to the Presidential residence in Pretoria. Mrs. Kruger thinks she makes the best coffee of any good "huisvrou" in Pretoria, and she boasts that she can make a tin of condensed milk go further than any one else. Mr. Kruger, while thinking her "Mann" the greatest statesman the world has ever seen, takes no sort of interest in politics. She, I believe, does not know what the franchise means, but anything her husband tells her in connection with political matters she unhesitatingly accepts. In conversation she always addresses her "Mann" as "Oom," and he in turn calls her "Tanta." They are a happy couple, although her husband's sleeplessness and devotion to the affairs of State in the midnight hours distress her considerably.—The Empire.

**LITTLE MISS ASTOR.**

That the Duchess of Buccleuch should have consented to become the guest of Mr. W. W. Astor, at Cliveden, and also at his town house in Carlton House Terrace, may be regarded as the greatest social victory that he has ever achieved. For Her Grace of Buccleuch has hitherto been the leader and the moving spirit of what was known as the anti-American league. The latter consisted of a number of the grandest ladies of English society, who, with the object of resisting what they were pleased to describe as the American invasion, bound themselves never to permit an American or a Hebrew to cross their thresholds, or to attend any entertainment either given by Americans or where Americans were known to be among the invited guests.

No one, save Mr. Astor himself, can tell exactly how he managed to effect the conversion of the Duchess. Inasmuch as the rent roll of her husband exceeds \$4,000,000 per annum, the consideration can scarcely have been of a pecuniary character, such as has been rumored in the case of the Countesses of Cork and of Warwick, who are reported to have received phenomenally large checks for their vapors in Mr. Astor's Pall Mall Magazine.

The honors at all these entertainments given by Mr. Astor are done by his fourteen-year-old daughter, who gives every promise of surpassing the rare beauty and charm of her lovely mother. Little Miss Astor takes the place of her dead mother at table with the utmost self-possession and dignity, and retires immediately afterward to her apartments, and presumably to bed. She was in New York the other day for the purpose of being confirmed at Trinity Church, but few persons knew of her presence here until the day of her departure.—New York Journal.

**BOOM IN SHIRT WAISTS.**

"The most prosperous trade of the moment after bicycles," says a manufacturer, "is that in ladies' shirt waists. The bicycle is the author of this prosperity, too, just as it is the deathblow to many industries," which perhaps accounts for the continued popularity of these waists, though they have been adopted by everybody, and in consequence should, by laws of fashion, be frowned upon by the exclusive. The story is told of how the Viennese milliners a few years ago saw their profits decrease through the popularity of a cheap straw hat, which, worn by a leader of fashion, was adopted by all of their customers. The situation was serious, for the hat required but little trimming, and its cost was trifling, and a secret session of the milliners was called to take measures to relieve it. A few days afterward all the workmen in Vienna appeared in the cheap hats. The shrewd milliners had bought them up and distributed them gratuitously. The effect was speedy; the aristocrats doffed them at once, and the milliners were soon reaping their usual harvest.

The reign of the shirt waist is proof against any such intrigue as this. They are on sale from twenty-five cents upward, and in consequence are, in some style, within the reach of every woman. Yet their vogue is so pronounced in circles where vogue is made that a shirt-waist toilet is not deemed inappropriate for even more than semi-formal occasions. There are shirt waists and shirt waists, to be sure, and the one worn by the woman of fashion is a gem in its way. It is made by a tailor; its fit and finish are admirable; its cost may be from \$4 to \$10; it is fastened with gold or jeweled studs; it is held about the waist with a belt whose buckle is a triumph of the silversmith or goldsmith, and, though it is still only a shirt waist, its perfection and elegance are evident and high priced.—New York Times.

**THE WEDDING TROUSSEAU.**

A beautiful wedding gown, quite elaborate in effect, is of cream pique de soie, cream satin and lace. The skirt is made with three wide gores, and is gathered at the top all around. It has a graceful train, moderately long. The basque waist is made with a smooth fitting lining. The back has fullness only in the lower part, drawn

**CYCLING COSTUME.**

NORFOLK JACKET AND SKIRT FOR WHEEL-WOMEN.

A Favorite Basque for Riding the Bicycle and for General Wear—Stylish Ladies' Waist With Applied Basque.

THE Norfolk basque is a favorite garment for cycling, shopping and general wear, as its trim outlines are becoming to all, and it looks comfortable and business-like. We here present one of its simplest modes, made of greenish drab covert cloth, closed with round white pearl buttons, and finished with machine stitching in tailor style. The basque is shaped with single bust darts, under arm gores, and a curving centre seam in back. The plaits are graduated at the waist line, and applied on back and front with a single row of



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machine stitching near the edges, or they can be blind stitched on if so preferred. The fronts are reversed at the top to form coat lapels that meet the rolling collar in notches, a chemise with bow tie being worn at the neck. The sleeves, in gigot style, are shaped with two seams, and are of fashionable size, the wrists being finished with stitching to simulate cuffs, that are decorated near the back seam with three buttons. A narrow leather belt encircles the waist. The graceful skirt is specially designed for wheel-women, its distinguishing features being an underlying box plait laid in the centre of front gore, the edges of which meet and are flatly pressed, so as to be hardly noticeable when standing and when mounted give ample room for the free action of the limbs, and prevent the ugly girled appearance so often seen. Two backward turning plaits at the back conceal the saddle girth in the centre that keeps the skirt in proper position. Placket openings on each side of front gore are finished by pointed overlaps and decorated with buttons. Snits in this style can be made from all kinds of cloth, tweed, chevrot, serge, or cycle cloth, and worn with knickers and leggings to match.

The quantity of material required to make this basque for a lady having a 36-inch bust measure is three yards. To make the skirt it will require 4 1/2 yards of the same width material.

**ORGANDIE WAIST WITH APPLIED BASQUE.**

May Mantion says this very stylish waist, depicted in the second large engraving, is made from white organdie, over violet silk linings, and is decorated with lace, insertion and ribbon to match the color of linings. The waist linings are glove fitting and close in centre front. A narrow vest trimmed crosswise with insertion is sewed to the right front and closes over on the left. Wide box plaits that taper towards the waist are formed on the edge of each front meeting those on the back at the shoulder seams. A blouse effect is given in front by gathers at the lower edge of vest and box plaits. The ripple basque is joined to the lower edge of waist, box plaits meeting those of the waist at the back. A narrow belt with buckle encircles the waist. The crush collar of violet silk has large fans of lace on each side. Fashionable puffs reach to the elbow

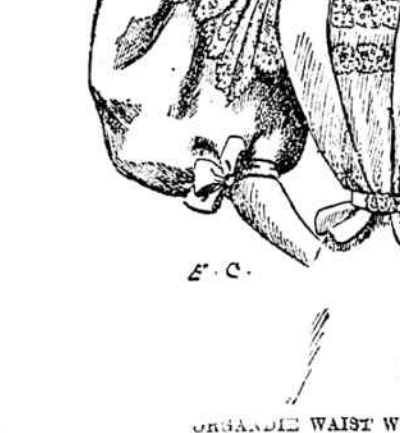
**SILK LININGS.**

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Plain and dark silks are seldom chosen for these linings, but instead charming combinations of color in stripes, chine, and changeable effects, which are really handsome enough for gowns themselves. However, for certain occasions—afternoon drives, day summer resorts, garden-parties, day receptions, etc.—gowns of grenadine, striped and plain canvas, semi-transparent crepes, goat's-hair and etamine, are smarter than those of fancy silk. The skirts of these gowns are invariably

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develop waists in this style, any fashionable garniture being chosen for decoration.

The quantity of material 36 inches wide required to make this waist for a lady of medium size is four yards.

**LADIES' AND MISSES' COAT SLEEVES.**

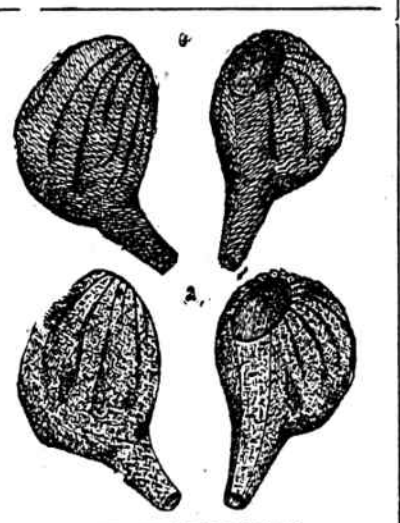
The demand for smaller sleeves is steadily increasing, ladies not being loth to dismember their arms from the weight of material hitherto prescribed by fashion. Two styles of medium sized leg o' mutton or gigot sleeves for coat jackets, etc., are here given as one pattern. No. 1, made of fancy cloth, is shaped with single seams, and can be gathered or plaited at the top. A single box plait is laid at the shoulder, forward and backward turning side plaits adjusting the remainder of the fullness. No. 2 is of mixed chevrot and is shaped with two seams, having a smooth under-arm portion. When linings are used they are shaped exactly like the sleeves, thus giving the necessary room for



NORFOLK JACKET AND SKIRT FOR WHEEL-WOMEN.

the dress sleeves. The wrists are plainly completed with inside facings. These sleeves can be made of silk, velvet or cloth, to contrast or match with the garment in which they are placed. In remodeling top garments this pattern will be found useful and economical.

The quantity of material 44 inches wide required to make either No. 1 or No. 2 design is 2 1/2 yards for a 36-inch



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**Rancid Butter Made Fresh.**

Dr. Jean Conneigt, in collaboration with Mr. E. A. Guiter, says they have just discovered a process by which they can convert rancid butter into butter of the freshest kind.

"Everybody knows," Dr. Conneigt said, "that butter is composed of a mixture of fat, olefine, margarine, stearine, palmitine, butyrene and the fatty acids known as capric, caproic, butyric, in variable proportions, which give the color and taste of butter.

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"Mr. Guiter and I set ourselves the task of finding a means to neutralize the butyrylamines and fatty acids which cause the rancidity, and our efforts have met with a complete success. After having melted the butter and having neutralized it with an appropriate base, it is submitted to several washings, after which it presently becomes as sweet and clean as when it first left the dairy.

"You would ask me, Does it lose any of its original properties by this operation? I answer, No. On the contrary, by our process we can tell immediately whether a butter is natural or artificial. And the loss incurred is so insignificant as to be almost imperceptible."—New York Herald.

**Share the Same Nest.**

W. C. Adams relates an interesting circumstance touching the domestication of the quail. Up at Milo, in the Tule River mountains, Postmaster Richardson has a barn in which a domestic quail has for two seasons built her nest. This nest is shared by a domestic hen, with apparently no objection from the quail. The hen's eggs are removed from the nest by Mr. Richardson's boys, but the quail's eggs are allowed to remain. Last year the quail successfully raised a family of birds in this nest. She is back again, and has deposited several eggs for this season's crop. The boys say that after the young birds appear the mother bird will flutter off the nest a short distance when the nest is approached, and allow them to catch her in their hands. The quail has learned that no harm will be done to her or her little ones.—Visalia (Cal.) Times.

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